

she has gone rapidly forward, and in 1953 ranked fourteenth in value added by manufacture. Her agricultural advance has been significant, so that in 1955 she ranked third in cash income from the sale of crops. In the 1920's the State pioneered in constructing a fine system of hard-surfaced roads, and in 1933 took over the administration and upkeep of all roads, both primary and secondary. Development in public and high school education has been marked, and the University of North Carolina and Duke University have won world-wide recognition.

At the middle of the twentieth century, North Carolinians viewed their history with pride and looked to the future with confidence.

**Name and Nicknames*

In 1629 King Charles the First of England "erected into a province" all of the land from Albemarle Sound on the north to the St. John's River on the south, which he directed should be called "Carolina" from the Latin "Carolus" for Charles.

In 1710 Carolina was divided, the northern or older part becoming North Carolina, the Old North State, and the southern part, South Carolina.

During the War Between the States, the story is told, a column supporting North Carolina troops was driven from the field of battle, leaving the North Carolinians to fight it out alone. Following the battle the North Carolinians were greeted by members of the derelict regiment with the question: "Any more tar down in the Old North State, boys?" (Tar, pitch and turpentine were the principal products of the State then.) Quick as a flash came the answer from the North Carolinians, "No! Not a bit; old Jeff's (Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate State) bought it all up." Another question: "Is that so; what is he going to do with it?" And the answer: "He is going to put it on you'uns heels to make you stick better in the next fight." When this story was told to General Lee, he said "God bless the Tar Heel boys." And from this incident, it is said, native North Carolinians have taken the nickname "Tar Heel."

"I'm a Tar Heel born
I'm a Tar Heel bred
And when I die
I'm a Tar Heel dead."